



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 27, 2000

H.R. 3118

A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act that authorize states to establish hunting seasons for double-crested cormorants

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 20, 2000

H.R. 3118 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations authorizing states to establish hunting seasons for double-crested cormorants. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3118 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Within six months of the bill's enactment, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would have to issue regulations under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to carry out the legislation, but this would involve minimal expense.

The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 3118 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.